जोधपुर तथा बीकानेर मेड़ता रोड़ का आमान परिवर्तन 505.6 करोड़ रुपये की लागत पर 1990–91 के बजट में शामिल कर लिया गया है। 1990–91 के दौरान इस कार्य के लिए 25 करोड़ रुपये की व्यवस्था की गई है। चालू वर्ष के दौरान इस परियोजना के लिए अतिरिक्त धनराशि के आवंटन का कोई का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

इस परियोजना के प्रारम्भिक कार्य पहले ही शुरु कर दिये गये हैं। इसका पूरा होना आगामी वर्षों में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर होगा।

Number of bridges on the railways

2728. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of bridges on the railways throughout the country;

(b) what is the total number of the bridges being used by the Railways even though their life span is over as fixed by their architects; and

(c) what are the reasons for still using them in view of the safety of the human lives?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEROGE FERNANDES): (a) There are nearly 1.14 lakh bridges.

(b) and (c) There is no fixed life span for Railway bridges. They are retained or rebuilt/rehabilitated on strength consideration and/or conditions basis. All the bridges are inspected annually or, at lesser intervals if warranted, and repairs, as found necessary, are carried out so as to maintain them in safe condition.

Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission

2729. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KI RUTTINAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission has been fully constituted by including non-official members therein;

(b) if so, the names of the agriculturists who have been appointed on the Commission the date since when this Commission is seized of it functions; and

(c) by when the Commission is expected to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.

(c) The Commission is a permanent body and submits its reports to the Government on procurement/minimum support prices in respect of agricultural produce from time to time.

Deaths due to floods and cyclone in Orissa

2730. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of people who died in the recent floods and cyclone in Orissa;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of migrant workers from Bolangir district of Orissa who were working in Andhra Pradesh died in the cyclone this year; and

(c) if so, the details of the number of people died and compensation paid to the next kith and kin of the the victims in the cyclone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.